

Appl. No. 10/726,358
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus for treating cellulose materials with a preservative and a fluid [[in a mixture]] comprising a work tank for holding the fluid and the preservative in a predetermined concentration, a pump in selective fluid communication with said work tank for drawing the [[mixed]] fluid and preservative from said work tank, a pressure vessel for accommodating the cellulose material, said pressure vessel being in communication with said work tank through said pump, ~~is pressure relief valve in communication with said pressure vessel and said work tank to enable~~ [[at least some of]] the preservative to be depleted through treating the material to further enable the fluid and said depleted preservative to return to said work tank in response to said pump, [[and]] means for selectively replenishing said [[returned fluid and]] depleted preservative in said work tank with more preservative to reestablish said predetermined preservative concentration; whereby said pump circulates said replenished [[mixed fluid and]] preservative to said pressure vessel, a heater external to said work tank for heating the fluid and the preservative in said work tank to a predetermined temperature, a vacuum pump in fluid communication with said pressure vessel to draw selectively a vacuum within said pressure vessel, and a discharge pump for selectively withdrawing the fluid and said depleted preservative from said pressure vessel and returning the fluid and said depleted preservative to said work tank.

Claims 10 – 14 (canceled)